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DIARY NOTES

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1. General Carter discussed with me the case of [REDACTED] the Air Force cadet being considered for the JOT Program, who was probably not physically qualified for acceptance. General Carter wanted to bring him to Washington to be examined by our own doctors. (I have advised the Medical Staff, as well as the Office of Personnel, to do this promptly.)

2. I philosophized with General Carter about the role which the Chief, Medical Staff and the Director of Personnel should play when they feel that a dependent should not accompany an employee to an overseas station. This grew out of a recent case, the gist of which, as I understand it, is as follows: The FE Division has proposed to send an employee [REDACTED]. His wife is a terminal cancer case, and the Medical Staff thinks that the chances of successfully completing a two-year tour are less than 50-50. They strongly recommend against this dependent going to [REDACTED]. The employee has discussed the problem with the Medical Staff and his wife, and they want very much to proceed with the assignment. In fact, in order to proceed they are willing to waive any medical benefits to which they might otherwise be entitled. The FE Division wished to go ahead with the assignment, and this has been endorsed by the ADD/P. There are many judgment factors to be considered in making a decision of this kind, such as the effect which the assignment would have on the employee's career, whether anyone else equally qualified is available, and many others. I explained to General Carter that I was not presenting this case for a decision but that, in view of many discussions he and I had had about the role of the Director of Personnel and the Chief, Medical Staff, I sought policy guidance. I explained that, historically, the final decision had been left to the Deputy Director (Plans) in such cases. After a brief discussion, General Carter indicated that he thought this was the proper procedure for the case at hand.

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3. [REDACTED] called to say that he had some further information concerning the Director's decision not to move to the Matomic Building during the period of construction in the vicinity of the East Building. For some reason Mr. McCone believed that the Matomic Building was too closely associated with him and his chairmanship of the Atomic Energy Commission and did not wish this possibility to be considered further. He understood, however, that General Taylor's old office in the Executive Office Building was vacant and wished to explore this possibility. I explained to Hank that Gates Lloyd and I had already considered this and

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felt that the amount of space was too small and also that we were not very happy about the security conditions there. Hank suggested that we explore this fully, including the possibility of evicting [REDACTED] and have some report ready for the Director, even though it may be negative, when he returns.

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4. I advised General Carter of General [REDACTED] recent visit to Emmett Echols and his expressed wish to revert to retired status. I told General Carter that I would ask Emmett to suggest to General [REDACTED] that his next step should be to talk with Ting Sheldon.

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NOTE: Extract of item 2 sent to D/Pers and C/MS on 1 May 63.

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